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Amendments to the Claims

1-21   Canceled)

22 (New):   A method for generating and providing for customer use, a customized software tool, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving from a customer a set of requirements for a software tool;

developing a customized software tool based on the received set of requirements, wherein the software tool is customized to be specific to the customer's particular industry and needs, and wherein the developing step also comprises selecting from among a set of available system engineering software modules;

storing the developed customized software tool on a remote server; and

providing one or more user database modules on the remote server, for use by one or more users associated with the customer, wherein each user utilizes the stored customized software tool for a particular project or activity, and .utilizes a user database module for the storage of project elements generated by the customized software tool;

wherein the method provides for the customization of a software tool for a particular customer and for storage of the customized software tool in a manner that facilitates access and use by multiple users associated with the customer.

23 (New):   A method as defined in claim 22, and further comprising:

receiving from the customer new requirements for the software tool; and

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modifying the customized software tool on the server in accordance with the new requirements.

24 (New):   A method as defined in claim 22, and further comprising:

providing and assigning additional database modules to each user, for use in storing project elements awaiting customer approval and for storing completed and approved project elements.

25 (New):   A method as defined in claim 22, wherein:

the customer and associate users are physically located at a customer site;

the steps of receiving the customer requirements and developing the customized software tool are performed by a tool provider at a tool provider site; and

the server is located at a server provider site;

wherein the customer site, tool provider site and server provider site are interconnected through a communication network.

26 (New):   A method as defined in claim 25, wherein the communication network is the Internet.

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